

## A FEARFUL EXPLOSION

EIGHTY MEN DEAD IN A WEST VIRGINIA MINE.

## CAN'T HELP IMPRISONED

A Most Terrific Explosion Brings Death and Destruction to Fayetteville Coal Mine.

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 30.—The Stewart mine near Fayetteville exploded yesterday afternoon, bringing a terrible death to the eighty or more who were at work more than ten hundred feet below the surface. There is no chance that any of the men will be taken out alive, for it is thought that the terrific force of the explosion snuffed out their lives instantly. It will not be possible for the rescuers to reach the bottom of the shaft until within forty-eight hours.

The disaster is perhaps the worst in the number of killed in the history of this state.

Most of the men were Americans and many of them were married and had large families. There were a dozen or more negroes and fifteen or more aliens.

The rescue work was commenced as soon as the wrecked parts of the shaft house could be repaired. About two hours after the explosion three men were lowered into the shaft in an improvised bucket. Before descending sixty feet two of the men were overcome by the foul air and the third was barely able to give the signal to their comrades at the top.

All other attempts were abandoned for the time and the work of purifying the air in the shaft was commenced. Air was supplied to the mine by several large fans, but the mechanism was damaged and the fans were idle for about two hours. The fans have been started again and if the men were not all killed by the force of the explosion, it may be that they will have a chance to survive.

## PROHIBITION IN LAMAR COUNTY.

Partial Returns Indicate Pro Majority of 428 Votes.

Paris, Tex., Jan. 30.—Returns from the local option election held in this county yesterday received up to 10 o'clock last night give the pro a majority of 428. There are six small boxes yet to hear from, which are expected to increase the majority slightly. The election was the most hotly contested ever held in the county and was the first local option campaign in which the anti's stumped the county. A number of speakers from different parts of the state spoke through the county for both sides. Two years ago last August the county went pro by a little more than 300. Prohibition was prevented from going into effect by injunction proceedings until last April.

## Governor Names Military Staff.

Austin: Governor Campbell Tuesday afternoon announced the appointment of all but two of his personal military staff. Those named, thus far, to wear handsome uniforms and be called Colonel are John T. Bonner of Tyler, W. C. Sullivan, San Antonio, John L. Peeler, Austin, W. A. Williams, Greenville, John M. Adams of Fort Worth and Lee J. Rountree of Georgetown.

The 2c passenger fare bill has passed the Arkansas Senate with only one dissenting vote. The bill applies on all railroads over eighty miles in length. The measure now goes to the Governor for his approval.

## Cotton Mills and Education.

Bonham: The directors of the Bonham Cotton Mills have purchased a plot of ground in the vicinity of the factory, and will erect there a school building, in which a kindergarten class will be taught. The children of the mill employees only will be eligible to attend, and no charge will be made for tuition. The employees are highly pleased with this move on the part of the company.

## Fatal Train Wreck.

South McAlester, I. T. A fatal wreck occurred here yesterday afternoon at 12:25 one half mile south of Crowder City when the second section of Train No. 404, a northbound fast stock train crashed into a local train running between Crowder City and Chambers. Ed Heardon, fireman on the southbound train, was fatally injured, and W. B. McCarver, engineer on the southbound train, will probably die.

As Dutch Murdoch, indicted on four capital charges, was being carried from jail to the court house in Fort Worth for trial, he knocked Deputy Sheriff Wood down and escaped. After an hour's chase through the streets and country he was recaptured.

Rev. Bird, aged 72 years, minister of the Christian Church, dropped dead of heart disease while in a school house four miles from Pond Creek, Ok., Sunday. He leaves two sons at Pond Creek.

The comptroller of the currency has issued a call for a statement of the condition of all national banks at the close of business on January 26.

There were 417,573 emigrants from Italy in 1906, 287,090 went to the United States, 111,818 to Argentina and 13,443 to Brazil.

The college building of the East Texas Normal School at Commerce was destroyed by fire Monday. Loss about \$20,000, covered by insurance. It will be rebuilt at once.

## FEARFUL MINE EXPLOSION.

Hundreds of Miners Suffer Horrible Deaths.

Saarbrück, Rhenish, Prussia, Jan. 29.—A fire-damp explosion occurred yesterday morning in the Reden Coal Mine at St. Johann-on-the-Saar, opposite Saarbrück and caused the loss of 150 to 200 lives. The Reden mine is owned by the Prussian Government.

Up to 6 o'clock yesterday evening seventy-seven bodies had been brought to the surface and fifty-six corpses were known to be still underground. Only fifty live men up to that time had been brought out, and of these the doctors say thirty-five will surely die, as they are frightfully injured by being hurled against the walls of the galleries by the force of the explosion.

An official report given out says the number of dead cannot exceed 100. Immediately after the explosion rescue workers were hurried from all the adjacent mines and boldly entered the Reden shaft in great numbers. The work of rescue had been greatly hampered by the gases resulting from the explosion and the fierce fire that broke out immediately afterward.

During the afternoon the efforts to get to the entombed miners had to be suspended for these reasons and the rescuers had to be ordered out of the mine.

The disaster occurred 2,300 feet under the ground and a mile and a quarter from the foot of the shaft. It is the greatest mine disaster ever known in this region. About 600 men entered the mine for the day shift, but about 400 of them escaped through the Bilshof shaft, which communicates with the Reden mine underground.

At a late hour last night it was said that it was unknown how many workers are still in the mine and reports are conflicting. The entrance to the galleries underground is blocked by dead horses.

Heartrending scenes are witnessed among the thousands of persons, many of them members of the families of the entombed men, who are gathered about the mouth of the shaft. Most of the bodies that have been brought to the surface are mangled beyond recognition.

## Brazos Valley Connected.

Cleburne: The Santa Fe and Trinity and Brazos Valley tracks have been joined in this city. The last spike was driven Saturday and the first train went over the road Sunday. The Trinity and Brazos Valley road uses the Santa Fe's tracks to the northern limits of the city and then uses its own track for several blocks, running parallel to the main line of the Santa Fe. A loss of \$250,000 was caused by Thursday night's fire in the plant and warehouse of "Old 76" distilling company at Newport, Ky., which was finally brought under control.

## Seattle and Tacoma Seize the Trade.

New York: Seventy-five per cent. of the Alaska trade has been lost to San Francisco by the earthquake and diverted to Seattle and Tacoma, according to the statements of Benjamin J. Crocker, collector of internal revenue for Washington and Alaska. When everything was ruined in San Francisco, trade naturally sought the more northerly ports, and there is no reason why it should ever be enticed back.

It is stated on the authority of Chief Engineer Bush that the Delaware, Lackawanna and Washington railway will electrify its lines between Morris-town and New York city upon the completion of the McAdoo and Bergen Hill tunnels.

## Col. L. A. Duffan Dies Suddenly.

Ennis: Col. Lawrence A. Duffan, for fifteen years superintendent of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, died at his home in Ennis at 6:15 p. m. Monday. Col. Duffan had been in feeble health for some time, but seemed as well as usual. He went to his office in the afternoon to attend to some correspondence, and while there was stricken, and taken to his home, where he died.

## Carnegie's Offer Accepted.

Washington: The supervisory committee of the International Bureau of American Republics has adopted a resolution accepting Andrew Carnegie's gift of \$750,000 for the erection of a permanent home for the bureau in this city. The resolution is subject to the approval of the governing board, which will meet Wednesday to accept the offer and to extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Carnegie.

The imports of Argentina for 1906 aggregated \$209,570,521 in gold, an increase of \$64,000,000. The exports amounted to \$282,530,629, a decrease of \$30,550,012. The decrease in exports was largely livestock, wool and wheat.

Ellen Bush, an aged negro servant woman in the employ of Mrs. Mattie Caruth, of Dallas, died Sunday. "Aunt Ellen," as she was familiarly called, is believed to have been at the time of her death 110 years old.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan is doing California at this time at beautiful San Jose.

Charlie Lee, a negro, was run over at Denison Sunday night by a Frisco yards freight engine and literally ground to pieces. He conducted a farm near Colbert, I. T.

Four men were killed and sixteen others seriously injured Monday as a result of the explosion of an ice machine filled with ammonia fumes in the power house of Armour & Co.

## Is Tired of the Job

SWEETENHAM RESIGNS AS GOVERNOR OF JAMAICA.

So the Report Goes, and Affairs Are In Such a Muddle He Can't Set Things Square.

Kingston, Jan. 28.—It is understood that Governor Sweetenham tendered his resignation to Lord Elgin, Secretary of the Colonies a few days since, in consequence of the Admiral Davis incident and his inability to solve the problem created by the earthquake.

Saturday Gov. Sweetenham visited the temporary offices of the Municipal Council and informed the Vice Chairman, who is acting in the absence of Mayor Taft, who is injured, that the Government had decided to relieve the people of Kingston from all rates and taxes for a period of fifteen months beginning the first day of January. This announcement has been received with gratification by the residents of the city, who will be encouraged to start the work of rebuilding as early as possible.

Archbishop Nuttall declares that in addition to the generous contributions from the United States and Canada, and elsewhere, it is absolutely necessary to obtain an imperial grant and a large imperial loan to rebuild Kingston, more particularly in view of the attitude of the British fire insurance companies who have disclaimed all responsibility for loss sustained during the fire and earthquake.

## Will Be a Big Meeting.

Dallas: The women of the World of Dallas County have commenced active preparations for the reception and entertainment of their members who will meet in biennial convention commencing March 11, and remaining in session for four or five days. This is to be one of the largest conventions ever held in the city of Dallas, and will be the largest fraternal convention ever held in the state.

## Fierce Blowout in Louisiana.

Lafayette, La.: The most terrific blowout in any oil field, ever surpassing the Jennings and Batson districts occurred Saturday night in the Ance, La., Butte field. The force of the gas was so great that rocks larger than a man's fist were thrown half a mile from the derrick. A perfect shower of rocks and sand lasted for over four hours. Tons of sand buried all the machinery with the well 15 feet deep.

## Death from the Fire.

Houston: To charcoal fumes emanating from a brazier kept burning all Saturday night, is attributed the death of Lizzie Harries, a negro servant in the home of Mr. Osborne. Her remains were found in bed Sunday morning with a charcoal burner in the center of the room and the opinion is that she slept all night with the fire burning and thus inhaled the fumes.

## Will Brandon Shot and Killed.

Dallas: Will Brandon was shot and killed about midnight on Saturday in Lancaster. One shot in the neck produced instant death. Two companions with Brandon when he was shot were unharmed. On a warrant charging murder, Buck Waters was brought to Dallas Sunday afternoon and lodged in the county jail. He was arrested and brought to this city by Constable Carrik Lowery of Lancaster.

The famous prison of St. Lazarro, one of the historic landmarks of Paris, is about to be torn down and will give way to fine, open squares and commodious dwellings.

## Congressman Chandler on Free Seeds.

Washington: Mr. Chandler of Mississippi, led the fight for free seeds in the House and charged that the item in the present bill was the work of a lobby composed of seed men of the country and effective newspaper work. He said that he could not go back and look his "dear old farmer friends" in the face after the increase in the salaries of the Congressmen if seeds were not to be had.

J. M. Forwood, of Taylor, Saturday brought in a hog of the Poland-China breed from Doc Davis of Complain that weighed 765 pounds, the largest hog ever marketed in Taylor, for which Mr. Davis received \$45.90.

Col. J. H. Ransom, of Boulder, Colo., has sent a formal request to the city council of San Angelo for a street railway franchise. He agrees to build one mile the first year, three the second and four the third.

Claude L. Witherspoon and Arthur C. Goddard, the largest prospectors in the Corsicana field, are authorities for the statement that Fort Worth and Dallas will have natural gas for cooking and heating purposes inside of a year.

A telephone report from Buchanan, W. Va., says twelve men were killed by an explosion in the Michael mine of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Coal Company. Two bodies have been found. The cause of the explosion is not known.

The demand for teachers during December and January has been remarkable. Besides numerous calls for teachers in minor positions, there have been calls for an unusually large number of principals and special teachers in the larger high schools of the state. The San Angelo Waterworks Company will soon install a pump with a capacity of 3,000,000 gallons of water daily, the demands from the rapid growth of the city being such as to require better machinery.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

MONDAY.

### New House Bills.

2 Austin, Tex.: House bills were introduced as follows:

By Mr. Gaines.—Quietly title to certain Comanche county lands.

By Mr. Jennings.—To compel hotels and boarding houses located in buildings more than two stories high to provide means of escape in case of fire.

By Messrs Murray and Crisp.—Creating a board of veterinarian examiners for Texas.

By Mr. Fuller.—Providing for certain medical studies in the public schools of the state.

By Messrs. Terrell (Cherokee) and Aldridge.—Creating a State Text Book Board.

By Mr. Savage (Bell).—Relating to suits for the collection of delinquent taxes, and a constitutional amendment proposing to permit counties and districts to vote a special school tax.

### New Corporations.

4 Austin, Tex.: Charters of the following corporations were filed today in the Secretary of State's office:

John Griffith Company of Floresville; capital stock, \$40,000. Incorporators: John Griffith, W. H. Mitchell and J. C. Bruff, all of Floresville. Citizens' State Bank of Memphis; capital stock, \$50,000. Incorporators: J. A. Bradford, B. P. Denny, W. J. Wilson, J. G. Montgomery, R. F. King and S. S. Montgomery, all of Memphis.

Shamrock State Bank of Shamrock, Wheeler county; capital stock, \$10,000. Incorporators: E. H. Small, C. L. Holden, L. T. Sewell, Sherman, J. S. Coleman of Dozier and J. L. Johnson of Fort Worth.

Cope Lumber Company of Pittsburg, Camp county; capital stock, \$10,000. Incorporators: G. W. Cope, P. W. Thorsell and R. A. Cope, all of Pittsburg.

### THURSDAY.

5 Austin, Tex.: Ex-Attorney General M. M. Crane of Dallas appeared before the investigation committees today.

### New House Bills.

By Wade and Patton.—To incorporate the Grandview independent school district.

By Dean.—Amendment making it a penalty punishable by fine of from \$100 to \$500 and imprisonment in the county jail of from twenty to sixty days, for any one convicted of selling, giving away or bartering questions to be used in any public teachers' examination for certificate to teach.

By Love of Dallas, Bill of Freestone and McConnell.—To create a bureau of inspection and supervision of county officers.

By Grinstead.—Providing for the destruction of chattel mortgages filed with county clerk after five years from liquidation.

By Grinstead.—Making receivers of all corporations liable for injuries causing death where said injuries would make liable the owners or proprietors of said corporation.

By Duncan.—Providing that where an employee of a common carrier corporation is injured the fact of his contributory negligence where it is slight in comparison to the gross negligence of other employees concerned in the accident, shall not bar recovery of damages.

By Wade and Roos.—Making an escape or attempt to escape from custody punishable by imprisonment of from two to five years.

By Terrell of McLennan, Graham, Live Oak and Blalock.—Defining a short term contract as one sentenced to five years or less; providing for the working of State Penitentiary convicts on county roads and prohibiting any form of leasing them out otherwise. Providing that the State shall provide all necessary food and clothing for its own expense, and that counties shall furnish medicine and maintenance.

By Stillman, Robertson of Erath and Adkins.—Providing that notes and liens given on real estate be subject to county taxation and providing that the payer or payee be both held liable for payment of said taxes.

By Pool.—Providing for the incorporation of companies to conduct aplyric business.

By Cobbs.—Providing that practice before the State Bar in chancery on which a report is brought in shall be considered as in courts of equity.

### New Senate Bills.

5 Austin, Tex.: Bills were introduced in the Senate this morning as follows:

By Glascock.—Repealing Art. 804, Penal Code, that it will not conflict with Art. 805, as amended by the last legislature, providing for the punishment of those hunting on the inclosed land of another.

By Skinner.—Requiring railroads to construct connecting tracks where they intersect or the lines approach within one mile and empowering the Railroad Commission to regulate and require connecting or transfer tracks where lines are contiguous for a mile or less.

### Knee Broken in Runaway.

3 Taylor, Tex.: Sunday afternoon a runaway horse driven by Howard Turner and Cecil Barton took fright and ran away. Young Barton was thrown from the buggy and sustained a broken knee.

### Cuero Cabbage Shipments.

6 Cuero, Tex.: Two cars of cabbage from local truckers were shipped Friday. Charles Schaeffer shipped a car of beef cattle to Houston.

Montevideo, Uruguay. A plague of locusts in the Salto district has laid waste the plantations there. Farmers are emigrating to Argentina.

### Railroad Improving Streets.

6 Marlin, Tex.: While improving its track the International Railroad Company is making needed improvements to portions of Ward and Falls streets.

## MARSHALL FIELD'S WEALTH

INVENTORY REVEALS LARGE SECURITIES HOLDINGS.

The Executor's Conservative Estimate Gives \$75,000,000 as Total Value of Estate.

Chicago, Ill.—Marshall Field's vast wealth was set forth in detail late Thursday, when an inventory of his estate was filed in probate court. The par value of numerous stocks and bonds were given and huge realty holdings were enumerated. In the latter classification there was no attempt to even estimate values. In spite of the fact that the merchant occupied a first rank as owner of real estate in Chicago and was possessed of large landed property elsewhere, especially in New York City, the bulk of his riches consisted of securities which represented investments not only in Chicago, but also from the eastern to the western coast of America and some in foreign countries.

In the executor's extremely conservative estimate of \$75,000,000 as the total value of the Field estate the personal property is placed at \$50,000,000. The par value of the stock and bonds is given, but no statement is made showing the present cash value of these securities. The investments are generally among those classed as "glit edged," and the securities generally have a far higher market value than the par figures would indicate. In some cases the market value of the stock is five times as great as the par value. The securities include the Citizens' State Bank of Memphis; place it all the way from \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000. An examination of the securities shows that Mr. Field was interested in a multiplicity of businesses—banks, railroads in this and other countries, telephones, telegraph companies and bond and mortgage concerns, in fact, almost anything in an industrial line, and that he was a veritable railroad prince.

## MEXICANS WHIP YAQUI.

Twenty Soldiers Killed, While Indians Carry Off Their Dead.

El Paso, Texas.—Reports have been received here of a desperate battle between Yaqui Indians and Mexican troops, which occurred Wednesday in the mountain district southeast of Guaymas, state of Sonora, Mex.

Twenty Mexicans were killed and a number wounded. The Yaquis were defeated with considerable loss, but as they took both their dead and wounded with them when retreating, it is not known how many were killed.

## SNOW SEVENTY FEET DEEP.

North Dakota Is Buried Under a Great White Blanket.

St. Paul, Minn.—North Dakota is covered with a blanket of an unprecedented depth. Whole communities are isolated and every railroad in the state is at the mercy of the elements. Not a train from North Dakota has arrived here for three days, and the officials have no definite idea when traffic will be resumed. The blizzard was the worst the northwest has known in half a century. In the mountain districts monstrous snowslides have covered the tracks 50 to 70 feet deep.

## FEVER CASES DECREASING.

Chicago Has a Marked Increase in Diphtheria, However.

Chicago, Ill.—The combined efforts of the health department, building department and state factory inspector's office showed results yesterday in a marked decrease of the number of scarlet fever cases reported. This result, however, was accompanied by the greatest number of new cases of diphtheria reported in any day of the epidemic, as well as an increase in the actual number of deaths from contagious diseases.

## Federal Indictments in Utah.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—The federal grand jury which has been investigating alleged coal and timber land frauds, has made its final report, returning a number of indictments. One indictment is against Don. C. Robinson, one of the oldest coal prospectors in the state, and another is against Edwin W. Senior, a land attorney. They are charged with conspiring to secure coal lands from the government by fraud.

## Another Japanese Treaty Claim.

Honolulu, Hawaii.—Japanese Consul Miki Saito is credited with the statement that proposed local legislation limiting issuance of salmon licenses to citizens of the United States is a violation of the Japanese treaty rights.

## Relief Work May Cease.

New York, N. Y.—In the light of news from Kingston, it is possible that the committee will decide to recall the shipments made, and return to contributors such funds and other gifts as have been received.

## Cuban Editor Is Beaten.

Havana, Cuba.—As a result of the notoriety gained by the publication of his name in connection with the raid on a cockfight here last Sunday, Col. Montolio, Liberal candidate for governor in Santa Clara province, yesterday attacked and badly thrashed Senor Coronado, editor of La Discusion, Jose Miguel Gomez's organ.

## CONFIDENTIAL MAN GOES WRONG.

Horace E. Hand, Social Leader, Goes to Penitentiary.

St. Louis, Mo.—Within 24 hours after his arrest, Horace E. Hand, a member of the bar and conspicuous in the social life of Kirkwood, a suburb, and who for seven years was the confidential clerk of Judge Luman F. Parker, chief counsel for the Frisco railway system, was taken to the penitentiary, after pleading guilty to forgery. His forgeries are said to aggregate \$15,000.

## IN CONGRESS

The House.

After a spirited debate, in which many members participated, the house by a practically unanimous viva voce vote, reduced the number of pension agencies throughout the country from eighteen to one, which shall be located in the pension office in this city.

The plan of the appropriation committee was to have the number reduced from eighteen to nine. This plan was as objectionable to most members as that which finally carried. Kansas representatives and members from other states expressed confidence tonight that the senate will authorize certainly nine, if not all of the agencies now in operation.

The fight came over an amendment offered by Representative Duffan of Pennsylvania, who had announced his intention of fighting the programme of the committee, which involved the consolidation of the Pittsburgh pension agency with that at Philadelphia. Mr. Duffan's amendment provided for the continuance of all of the agencies. Representative Gardner of Michigan, who had charge of the pension bill on the floor, could hardly wait until the amendment had been read, before offering a substitute cutting out all of the agencies except that at Washington.

The house passed 330 private pension bills. The question of the free distribution of garden seed occupied a portion of the day.

The House of representatives voted to abolish all the pension agencies throughout the country, 18 in number, and centralize the payment of pensions in the city of Washington. This action was taken on the pension appropriation bill, after spirited opposition on the part of those having pension agencies in their states.

The pension appropriation bill carrying \$128,000,000 in round numbers was passed.

The committee on military affairs decided to make a favorable report on a bill permitting the wives of enlisted men to be buried in the same grave with their husbands in national cemeteries. This measure was strongly urged for several years by Mrs. Tanner.

## The Senate.

Resolutions to check naval officers from "lighting a fire" under senators and members to compel the enactment of the naval personnel bill at this session" were presented in the senate by Mr. Hale, and after causing a snappy debate of short duration, went over for future consideration. Mr. Hale's resolutions cite the president's order forbidding government employees "to lobby," and directs an inquiry by the secretary of the navy to ascertain whether the order is being violated. The latter part of the day was devoted to the disposition of pension bills.

According to plans the new battleship provided for in the naval appropriation bill is to be a sister ship of the monster authorized by congress last year, which the bill required should be a first-class battleship, carrying as heavy armor and as powerful armament as any existing vessel of its class; to have the highest practicable speed and greatest practical radius of action. The cost of the two battleships is estimated at \$10,000,000 each.

The exact and detailed extent to which child labor is employed in the United States is set forth in a report issued by the census bureau. The statistics presented are for 1900, and relate to the employment of children as bread winners, of whom 1,750,000 in round numbers, between the ages of 10 and 15, were so employed.

## STATE SUES A RAILROAD.

Minnesota Attorney-General Begins Proceedings Against Manitoba.

St. Paul, Minn.—Attorney-General Young has begun proceedings in the supreme court to compel the St. Paul, Minneapolis, & Manitoba Railroad Co. to show cause why its charter should not be forfeited.

This company, formerly known as the Minnesota & Pacific Co., is really the parent company of the Great Northern Railway Co., and the Great Northern is joined in this issue, as it is the owner of the Manitoba company's stock.

## Gave Goch a Hard Match.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Frank Goch, of Iowa, still retains the championship wrestling title of America, though Fred Beil, of Wisconsin, gave him a hard match here. Beil wrestled the limit, 15 minutes, and Goch forfeited \$600 and a big side bet. Twice Beil got Goch to the floor. Goch threw Beil twice to the mat, but failed to hold him.

## Money Stringency in England.

London, Eng.—The tight supplies of money in the market have forced borrowers to apply to the Bank of England. The money stringency is causing a shading of values in the case of British securities.

## Jap Squadron Forced Back Home.

Tokio, Japan.—The training squadron which sailed for Honolulu on January 15 is now returning to Yokohama. The squadron encountered a severe storm lasting three days. The masts of the vessels were broken and other damage was sustained.

## Bad Fire at Phillipsburg, Kas.

Phillipsburg, Kas.—Three large business houses here were entirely destroyed by fire, causing a loss estimated at \$100,000. The principal losers are Gebhardt & Son, dry goods, and J. Q. Royce, state bank commissioner, owner of the plant of the Dispatch.

## Will Carry Fast Mail.

Omaha, Neb.—The Omaha postoffice has been notified by the government that from and after January 24 the Rock Island will carry fast mail between Omaha and Chicago.